

COLLEGIATE ACADEMIES

Minutes

Collegiate Academies Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at 5:30 PM

Livingston Media Center -- 7301 Dwyer Road, New Orleans, 70126

Board Members Present

S. Rosenthal, G. St. Etienne, K. Wilkins, E. Klein Morris, D. Finegan, A. Heilprin, J. Hunter, J. Wilson

Board Members Absent

D. Henry

Staff Members Present

A. Burciaga, A. Hawf, B. Marcovitz, R. Kennedy

Guests Present

Dr. Andre Perry, Caroline Roemer, Eric Parrie, Brady Shannon, Elizabeth K. Jeffers

I. Opening Items

Call the Meeting to Order

S. Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:36pm.

Public Comment Period

VOTE: Approve Minutes

G. St. Etienne motioned to approve the both minutes. J. Wilson seconded. Minutes approved.

J. Wilson noted two mistakes -- misspelled name and a meeting he didn't attend

II. Governance Committee

OPSB Reunification Presentation (Caroline Roemer) - 20 min

Presented information on Act 91

Time was right for comprehensive return bill, rather than annual debate on returning and fewer good reasons not to.

Committee crafted law: ensures parental options, preserves charter autonomy, strengthens charter school authorizer, ensures equitable access

Shift in role of OPSB to "portfolio manager" rather than overseeing day to day operations of schools.

S. Rosenthal will distribute information on unification committees and task forces.

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III. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Report

Fiscal year ends 6/30, deficit of approximately \$150,000

Spending is not sustainable at the rate of the past few years, need a combination of cutting spending and increasing fundraising.

B. VOTE: Approve 2016-2017 Budget

Questions raised about unsustainable budget given uncertainty in contributions (currently relying on startup money for Livingston and Baton Rouge) - currently investigating scale and other levers to make this sustainable, but our SPED population makes us an outlier (other models currently: K-12, targeted # of K-8, large HS, or low SPED populations).

A. Hawf will report on investigation into these models and other innovative ideas at October board meeting.

G. St. Etienne motioned to approve budget, unanimously approved

IV. Additional Business

A. YouthShift Presentation (Dr. Andre Perry) - 20 min

Representing The Data Center

Purpose: Get school boards to think about poverty and how it affects their students

Proposal: Schools tend to hit a plateau unless factors of poverty are dealt with, so boards can take action on some or support people who are (housing, child welfare, violence, unemployment, suspension/expulsion policies)

YouthShift - new organization that in future would like to partner with schools to work on poverty issues

B. Carver Merger Report - 15 min

Enrollment - just completed Round 2, didn't hit target on 9th grade (around 155), but all grades in good shape.

Building - new, will tour next board meeting

Alumni relations - Jerel meeting with many stakeholders, very positive

Staffing - all positions filled, including two alumni - question regarding how many of hires are African-American

IV. Closing Items

General Public Comment Period

Adjourn Meeting

J. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. K. Wilkins seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Note: future board meetings will be held at Carver High School

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